

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TC/AU 3768**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hisashi Akiyama
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AMENDMENT "C"

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated November 24, 2009 (Paper No. 20091118). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on February 24, 2009.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.